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Title: FRIENDLY FIRE PREVENTION SYSTEMS AND METHODS

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I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled FRIENDLY FIRE PREVENTION SYSTEMS AND METHODS, the specification of which is attached to this declaration.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified patent application, including the claims.

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